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[463037-200]

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: BLACKBURN, et al. Serial No.: 09/993,342 Filing Date: 5 NOVEMBER 2001 For: DEVICES AND METHODS FOR BIOCHIP MULTIPLEXING	Examiner: TBD Group Art Unit: 1744 <u>CERTIFICATE OF MAILING</u> I hereby certify that this correspondence and its listed enclosures is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as First Class Mail addressed to Mail Stop PETITION; Commissioner for Patents; P.O. Box 1450; Alexandria, VA; 22313-1450 on <u>JUNE 19, 2003</u> Signed <u>Maria Ciganovich</u> Maria Ciganovich
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**PETITION UNDER 37 CFR §1.78(a)(6)
TO ACCEPT AN UNINTENTIONALLY DELAYED CLAIM UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 119(e)
FOR THE BENEFIT OF A PRIOR FILED PROVISIONAL APPLICATION**

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Sir:

Applicants hereby Petition to accept a delayed claim under 35 U.S.C. §119(e) for the benefit of the filing date of U.S. Provisional Application Number 60/245,840, filed November 3, 2000 entitled "DEVICES AND METHODS FOR BIOCHIP MULTIPLEXING". The Petition is submitted after receipt of a Decision on Petition mailed 4/22/03. The Decision set a due date for this Petition of 22 June 2003. Accordingly, the Petition is timely.

This petition is accompanied by a preliminary amendment to correct the reference in the application to the Provisional Application Number 60/245,840, as required by 37 CFR §1.78(a)(5).

The petition is further accompanied by a check for the necessary surcharge set forth in 37 CFR §1.17(t), \$1,300.

The entire delay between the date a correct priority claim was due under 37 CFR §1.78(a)(5) and the filing of this petition was unintentional.

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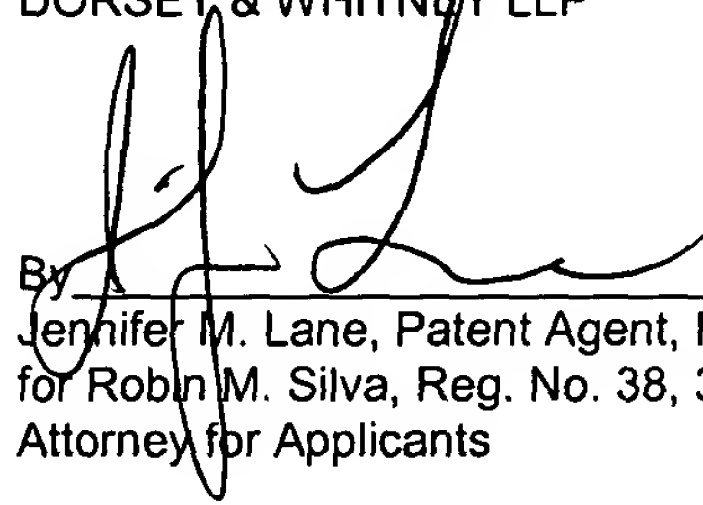
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While Applicant believes that no further fees are due at this time, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees that may be due as a result of filing this amendment, including additional claims fees not already paid for, or other fees that have not been separately paid, to Deposit Account 50-2319 (Order No. [A-68718-4/RMS/RMK/JML [463037-200]]).

Respectfully submitted,
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